

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**Claim 1 (Currently Amended):**

A u-nut comprising,

- a) a substrate including a polymer and provided with a flex area, a first substrate segment, and a second substrate segment, wherein the substrate and the flex area include a polymer;
- b) ~~a first substrate segment, a second substrate segment, and a flex area;~~
wherein the first substrate segment and the second substrate segment are located adjacent to the flex area;
- c) a retainer located on the first substrate segment; ~~and~~
- d) an acceptor located on the second substrate segment;
- e) the retainer is provided with a first securing member and a second securing member, wherein the first securing member is provided with a first stem, a first angled surface, and a first coupling surface and the second securing member is provided with a second stem, a second angled surface, and a second coupling surface, wherein the first angled surface and the first coupling surface are located at an end of the first stem and the second angled surface and the second coupling surface are located at an end of the second stem;
- f) the acceptor is provided with a first cooperating surface, a second cooperating surface, a first securing surface, and a second securing surface; and
- g) the first and second securing members are snap fit within the acceptor

Claim 2 (Currently Amended):

A u-nut assembly comprising,

- a) a substrate including a polymer;
- b) a first substrate segment, a second substrate segment, and a flex area,
wherein the first substrate segment and the second substrate segment are located adjacent to the flex area and the flex area is configured so that the first and second substrate segments are capable of being brought into contact by moving along a predetermined path;

- c) a retainer including a plurality of securing members that include an angled surface wherein the retainer is located on the first substrate segment;
- d) an acceptor located on the second substrate segment including a cooperating surface and a securing surface wherein the angled surface cooperates with the cooperating surface so that the securing members are snap fitted ~~fit~~ into the acceptor; and
- e) a fastener configured to tap threads into the acceptor, wherein the fastener exerts a clamping force on at least one of the substrate segments.

Claim 3 (New):

The u-nut according to claim 1, further comprising a fastener configured to tap threads into the acceptor.

Claim 4 (New):

The u-nut according to claim 1, further comprising an installation member located on an end of the substrate that is configured to rest upon an edge of a bracket.

Claim 5 (New):

The u-nut according to claim 1, further comprising:

- a) an installation member located on an end of the substrate that is configured to rest upon an edge of a bracket; and
- b) a fastener configured to tap threads into the acceptor.

Claim 6 (New):

The u-nut according to claim 1, further comprising:

- a) an installation member located on an end of the substrate that is configured to rest upon an edge of a bracket;
- b) a fastener configured to tap threads into the acceptor; and
- c) a plurality of acceptor segments that are included in the acceptor.

Claim 7 (New):

The u-nut according to claim 1, wherein the first angled surface is at an angle with respect to an axis of the first stem that measures 45° and the second angled surface is at an angle with respect to an axis of the second stem that measures 45°.

Claim 8 (New):

The u-nut according to claim 1, wherein the acceptor includes a plurality of acceptor segments.

Claim 9 (New):

The u-nut according to claim 2, wherein the acceptor includes a plurality of acceptor segments.

Claim 10 (New):

The u-nut according to claim 2, further comprising:

- a) a plurality of acceptor segments that are included in the acceptor; and
- b) an installation member located on an end of the substrate that is configured to rest upon an edge of a bracket.

Claim 11 (New):

The u-nut according to claim 2, wherein:

- a) the retainer is provided with a first securing member and a second securing member, wherein the first securing member is provided with a first stem, a first angled surface, and a first coupling surface and the second securing member is provided with a second stem, a second angled surface, and a second coupling surface;
- b) the acceptor is provided with a first cooperating surface, a second cooperating surface, a first securing surface, and a second securing surface; and
- c) the first and second securing members are snap fit within the acceptor

Claim 12 (New):

The u-nut according to claim 2, further comprising an installation member located on an end of the substrate that is configured to rest upon an edge of a bracket.

Claim 13 (New):

The u-nut according to claim 11, wherein the first angled surface is at an angle with respect to an axis of the first stem that measures 45° and the second angled surface is at an angle with respect to an axis of the second stem that measures 45°.

Claim 14 (New):

A u-nut comprising,

- a) a substrate including a polymer and provided with a flex area, a first substrate segment, and a second substrate segment
- b) the first substrate segment and the second substrate segment are located adjacent to the flex area;
- c) a retainer located on the first substrate segment;
- d) an acceptor located on the second substrate segment; and
- e) an installation member located on an end of the substrate that is configured to rest upon an edge of a bracket.

Claim 15 (New):

The u-nut according to claim 14, wherein:

- a) the retainer is provided with a first securing member and a second securing member, wherein the first securing member is provided with a first stem, a first angled surface, and a first coupling surface and the second securing member is provided with a second stem, a second angled surface, and a second coupling surface;
- b) the acceptor is provided with a first cooperating surface, a second cooperating surface, a first securing surface, and a second securing surface; and
- c) the first and second securing members are snap fit within the acceptor

Claim 16 (New):

The u-nut of claim 14, wherein the installation member is provided with an I. shape.

Claim 17 (New):

The u-nut according to claim 15, wherein the first angled surface is at an angle with respect to an axis of the first stem that measures 45° and the second angled surface is at an angle with respect to an axis of the second stem that measures 45°.